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1966 EDENBRIDGE Letter

Greenways
Knockholt
near Sevenoaks
Kent

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Dear Victor,

Since writing last, we have attended a meeting of the Sevenoaks Committee for Gypsy Re-Settlement. This is a small but active private body, which includes Gypsies, trying to improve the situation in this part of the country.

In the area is the site at Edenbridge which, at the moment, is in a deplorable state. There is a stalemate because the council say they will make no improvements until the families change their ways, and the people say they will do nothing while the council refuse to help !

This committee is going to try, once more, to get something done. They intend to hold a meeting on the site and discuss the whole situation.

During the meeting the other night, Venni and I mentioned the slides you had made at Cherry Orchard and the model site in Hertfordshire. The members were very interested and asked if there was any possibility of loaning them for a showing at Edenbridge. They feel they could form the centre of a discussion and attract people to a meeting there.

I said I would write to you and see if you would be prepared to let them have the slides for a few days. The committee is to meet again on October 10th and would show the slides on that date or on an evening during the following few days.

If you do think it would be worthwhile, the slides can be sent to a member of the committee at the above address, Brian Richardson.

We've not yet heard about the caretaking job but expect to do so in the next day or two.

Best wishes,

Grallan

Have you seen Luke Wall or any of the Ballyfermot people lately ?